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# TOP FIVE

**“Chris Rock is one of the funniest men  
on the planet. THE FILM IS  
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## “TOP FIVE REASONS TO LOVE CHRIS ROCK’S ‘TOP FIVE’”



- 1. IT'S A VERY FUNNY MOVIE, BUT IT'S NOT JUST A FUNNY MOVIE.** Rock's distinctive voice as a filmmaker emerges, and he has a lot to say (no surprise) about what drives people to drink, the pains of sobriety, the craft of comedy, the absurdity of celebrity culture, Obama, George W. Bush, Tyler Perry, rigorous honesty, vulnerability, forgiveness, and the legacy of hip-hop.
- 2. Even if I warn you now, you won't be prepared for the emotion of seeing Tracy Morgan happy onscreen and doing what he does best as one of Andre's wisecracking relatives. As soon as Tracy's face appeared onscreen the night I saw the movie, THE ENTIRE THEATER BURST INTO APPLAUSE.**
- 3. Credit goes to Rock for writing the greatest slam from a fake film critic ever: 'I WOULDN'T SEE IT IF IT WAS PLAYING IN MY GLASSES!'**
- 4. If there is a wave of feather-related sex injuries after this movie comes out, BLAME CHRIS ROCK.**
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**Interview.** Chris Rock writes, directs and stars in "Top Five," a comedy that makes room for drama, plus a mess of stand-up giants. It's maybe the only film where Rosario Dawson is nearly as funny as Tracy Morgan. PAGE 16

Chris Rock directs, writes and stars in "Top Five," a semi-dramatic comedy that includes spots for many of his colleagues, including Kevin Hart and Tracy Morgan. / GETTY IMAGES & PARAMOUNT PICTURES

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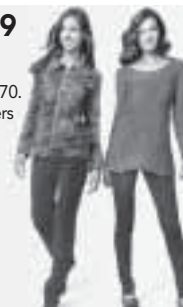
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# Waiting for NYC's least reliable bus

**Transit.** The M15 runs from the Battery to Harlem or, more accurately, crawls.

Bus riders, beware: Transit research group Straphangers Campaign has decreed the M15 local as the City's least reliable bus.

The M15, which services 55,000 passengers a day and runs along First Ave. from the Financial District to East Harlem by way of 1st Avenue, won Straphangers' annual Shleppie Award due to "33 percent of buses arriving with big gaps in service or bunched together."

Thursday at the M15 stop at 2nd Street and 1st Avenue, a small group of locals braved 30-degree temperatures; 45 minutes passed before an M15 local arrived. By then, eight potential riders had given up and left the stop altogether.

"I organize my life and leave home one hour [early] because I know this bus never comes," said Annalisa Malelli, an East Village resident born in Italy who lasted just 20 minutes in the cold before giving up and walking to 23rd Street. While she waited, four express buses passed by, with one local marked "Next Bus Please."

One of two women to brave the blistering cold



Hapless would-be passengers wait for the M15. / MILES DIXON, METRO



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long enough to catch the bus was a 54-year-old mother of five who gave her name as Blu T. She says she's spent her entire life in the East Village, and said the M15 is in the worst state she'd ever seen.

"I'm not walking to 14th Street," she said. "It's crazy, this happened to me about a month ago too. There's no reason for me to be waiting this long."

Once on the bus, the ride on the local M15

was choppy, uneven and uncomfortable, with the driver weaving around First Avenue's potholes to stop every three to four blocks and pick up more exasperated patrons.

The express M15 SBS bus, which stops about every 10 blocks, was preferred by riders, who disagreed with its second-worst rating from Straphangers.

"It works for me, man," said Eddie Rivera, 55, who takes the bus from his home in the Lower East Side to his office in FiDi. "Usually right after work I come out here and they're on time."

Several riders on the M15 SBS said their candidate for least reliable bus is the M21, which travels between the West Village and Lower East Side. It's ranked as the ninth slowest in the City.

The MTA responded to

## Bus-ted

### Slowest routes

- M79 - 3.2 MPH
- M23 - 3.6 MPH
- M42 - 3.8 MPH

### Most unreliable routes

- M15 - 33.0%
- M15 SBS - 32.7%
- M101/2/3 - 32.0%
- M4 - 28.6%
- M3 - 28.2%

Straphangers' findings by thanking the group for its "insightful reports."

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## Quoted



"When you wait for a long time, it's crowded, of course, but then you take the second one."

Annalisa Malelli, 66, East Village



"I wanna see the driver when I get on this bus; there's gonna be a problem. It's too cold to be waiting so long."

Blu T., 54, East Village



"I live in StuyTown and I used to work on York Avenue in the Upper East Side. And my girlfriend lives down by the Seaport, so it's basically door-to-door to all the places I want to be."

Max Chomet, 24, East Village

## Herald Square. Drunk-driving attorney charged in crash



Stella Mednik / FACEBOOK

Authorities said the woman who drove a silver Mustang convertible onto a Herald Square sidewalk on Wednesday evening faces a slew of charges for the accident that sent seven, including herself, to Bellevue Hospital.

Police said driver Stella Mednik, 34, of Bay Ridge, was charged with drunken driving and possession of two crack pipes after causing the

wreck at around 9 p.m.

The former immigration attorney was also charged with leaving the scene of the accident, driving a car that didn't belong to her and refusing to take a breathalyzer test.

A New York State court document dated 2011 shows Mednik's license was suspended after she misplaced money paid by her cli-

ents. Mednik's personal law firm Website listed drunk driving cases as a specialty.

Cops said Mednik drove the car over the curb and into a Forever 21 store, injuring five pedestrians, a male passenger and herself in the process.

Cops said she and all other patients are expected to survive.

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Getting the point across at a Lower East Side bar. / BESS ADLER/METRO

# SantaCon to stay by the chimney

**Holidaze.** SantaCon organizers say they'll stay out of sight during civil rights marches.

SantaCon is still coming to town.

The annual display of debauched Santas and inebriated elves crawling along Manhattan streets will be limited to a handful of pre-screened bars ready for the revelers, in order to "create the lowest possible impact on this city we love," organizers of the beer-guzzling fundraiser said in a statement on their website Thursday.

"If a venue isn't on this list, it's because they don't want to see you there," the

website warned.

The website also suggested that participants spend most of the time inside the venues and not in the streets.

Organizers said they didn't want to distract from a series of protests Saturday calling for police reform — most notably the Millions March NYC in Washington Square Park.

"Fighting, public urination and vandalism are unacceptable and a great way to ensure that there will be no SantaCon in 2015," the message advised.

With the hashtag #dontscroogesantacon, the group has taken to social media to urge revelers to forgo the event's frat-house reputation.

"Santa leaves presents, not puddles of puke. Know your limits, Santa!" organizers tweeted.

Famed civil rights attorney and former New York Civil Liberties Union director Norman Siegel announced on Wednesday that he volunteered to help SantaCon better organize itself for future events as long as he deems

## Quoted

**"Santa leaves presents, not puddles of puke. Know your limits."**

SantaCon Tweet

## Bottoms up

After meeting at Clinton Cove Park at 10 a.m. Santas and elves can be found (or avoided) at some 35 bars, including:

- Slake (251 W. 30th Street)
- Beer Authority (300 W. 40th Street)
- Blarney Rock (137 W. 33rd Street)
- Galaway Pub (7 E. 36th Street)
- IchiUmi (6 E. 36th Street)
- Joshua Tree (513 Third Avenue)
- Pacha (618 W. 46th Street)

Saturday's festivities appropriate. Organizers did not immediately respond to requests for information.



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## Insurance

### Insurance for transgender NY'ers

Health insurance providers in New York state will be required to offer medically necessary treatment for patients suffering from gender dysphoria, Gov. Andrew Cuomo said.

While claims for gen-

der dysphoria treatment can still be subject to review — just like any other health claim, Cuomo said treatment for transgender New Yorkers should be as accessible as any other procedure.

"Respecting the rights and dignity of all New Yorkers is paramount," Cuomo wrote in a statement. **METRO**

## Shock to system

### More Taser use for cops

The NYPD will deploy more Tasers on the streets after Tuesday's fatal shooting of a knife-wielding suspect.

Top cop Bill Bratton said he'll buy 450 more Tasers to be used by officers responsible for training new cops. **METRO**



# For some 9/11 families, torture not a gray area



Visitors at the National 9/11 Memorial Museum. The War on Terror was a response to the events of Sept. 11, 2001. / GETTY IMAGES

**Torture.** Americans have grown more comfortable with the CIA's alleged harsh tactics.

In the wake of the release of the Senate Intelligence Committee report on the CIA's interrogation tactics, relatives of victims of the 9/11 terrorist attacks have little sympathy for those tortured by the agency, believing the end justifies the means.

In the financial district of lower Manhattan, about 500 yards from the central scene of Sept. 11, Patrick Grady was preparing for his day's work on the trading floor. The state of the market was on his mind, but he had no time for soul searching.

"I couldn't care less," Grady said of the Senate report's accounts of prisoner torture.

Grady's brother, Christopher, died in the 9/11 attacks. He worked for Cantor Fitzgerald, whose offices were near the top of the World Trade Center's

north tower.

Grady believes the country's security agencies should be given wide latitude to operate, including freedom to use whatever interrogation tactics they believe may yield results.

"Their primary goal is to keep us safe. That's their job," Grady said.

Many Americans agree. Citing polls taken by the Associated Press since 2005, The New York Times reported Wednesday that Americans have become more accepting of the use of torture to obtain information from terrorism suspects.

In 2013, about half of those surveyed believed torture could "sometimes" or "often" be justified to that end. That was up from a minority of 38 percent who held similar opinions in 2005.

Grady doesn't think it's always in the public's interest to know what's going on behind the scenes of national security efforts.

"There's a reason it's a clandestine service. There's a lot that goes on in the world that people don't know about," Grady said. "There's this idea now that

## Open wounds

### 'Raw and sensitive'

Anne Marie Davidson, who works alongside Grady, agrees. Her brother-in-law, Michael Davidson, also died in the Cantor Fitzgerald offices on 9/11. She said her husband, Jeff, still has trouble talking about his brother's death.

"It is too raw and sensitive for my husband or his mom to discuss. I think the world so easily forgets what happened to America that day," Davidson said.

we have a right to know everything that's going on, and I don't think that's true."

Grady, who says he is a Republican, said he believed the report to be politically motivated.

"In my eyes, the people who are keeping the country safe can pretty much do whatever they want," Grady said. "After the attacks, our president [Bush] promised to keep our country safe. And he did."

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"I don't care if they ripped those a—holes limb from limb to get knowledge."

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# Oil resumes decline, falls toward \$64, nears five-year low

**Stock.** There are signs that ample supply will be more plentiful in 2015.

Oil resumed its downward move on Thursday, falling toward \$64 a barrel and within sight of a five-year low. Crude prices sank on Wednesday as OPEC forecast an increasing supply surplus in 2015, U.S. crude inventories unexpectedly rose and OPEC's most influential voice, Saudi Arabia's oil minister, shrugged off the need for an output cut.

Christopher Bellew, a senior oil broker at Jefferies in London, said the outlook remained bearish. "It would be unwise to say the market has marked the bottom," he said.



**Quoted**

"We may see some technical bounces, but it is too soon to speak of a sustainable price recovery."

Carsten Fritsch, analyst at Commerzbank, which on Thursday cut its 2015 Brent price forecast to \$73 a barrel from \$82

U.S. motorists get an early Christmas gift as prices fall. / REUTERS

OPEC said demand for its crude in 2015 would fall to its lowest in more than a decade, indicating a large supply surplus in 2015 without OPEC output cuts or a slowdown in the U.S. shale boom.

"There's nothing the rest of OPEC or the world could do to pressure the Saudis," said Tariq Zahir,

managing member at Tyche Capital Advisors in New York.

While low prices will discourage exploration and drilling in some places, he said, other producers who could still profit at lower prices may ramp up output to boost revenues through higher volume.

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## Cleveland. Mayor disagrees with DOJ report on city's police

The mayor of Cleveland said on Thursday that he did not agree with all of the Department of Justice's findings in a scathing report on the widespread use of excessive force by the city's police, saying it will take time to agree on how to reform the troubled

department.

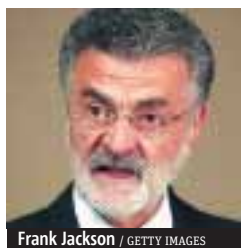
A federal investigation published this week concluded that Cleveland police supervisors tolerated and, in some cases, endorsed the use of unnecessary or unreasonable force.

The DOJ also found that officials who conducted internal reviews took pains to present the police officers involved in the best possible light.

He said the city would conduct a review of the DOJ's conclusions to see which criticisms it agreed with, as it works out a consent decree with the federal government on how to reform policing.

"We will be delving into that, we will be reviewing that to see what is in there is accurate, which is inaccurate, which is a misstatement, which are examples that may be factual, may not be factual," he said.

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Frank Jackson / GETTY IMAGES

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**"I'm not accepting things just because the DOJ said it."**

Mayor Frank Jackson told reporters at a news conference

### Opinion

**TOM FOREMAN**

POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT FOR CNN



## YOU ARE INVITED TO THE 'HOLIDAYS'

I'm a big fan of Christmas. Trees, lights, presents, carols; fire up the Yule log and spice up the egg nog. Yet, it has become a challenge for D.C.'s lawmakers who are always trying to avoid offending their ever more diverse constituencies. After all, how do you wish a blessed season to one voter who thinks Christmas is under attack, while another is at your elbow sipping punch and thinking it's a bunch of poppycock?

So I've come up with a holiday party guide for Congress in these sensitive times.

First, decorations: Go with polar bears, the ones made of wire that light up. They are festive, seem loosely aligned with the holidays and yet can pass for a statement of solidarity on global warming.

Second, food: This is tricky what with all the folks following diets that are gluten-free, vegan,

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**Put out some Doritos and say, "Yeah, the caterer was involved in a traffic accident. Went to the hospital!"**

macrobiotic, meat-loving, plant-hating or whatever. Play it safe.

Put out some Doritos and say, "Yeah, the caterer was involved in a traffic accident. Went to the hospital!"

That should keep the critics from tearing down your tinsel, and in these budget-cutting times you might even save a highway project or two.

For party music, some would suggest "Jingle Bells" or "Let It Snow," which are odes to winter. But that might provoke your more religious guests to howl, "Saturnalia!" and call you a pagan. So let me

suggest a piano-side sing-along of "The Wreck of the Edmund Fitzgerald."

It sounds vaguely ecclesiastic, everyone knows it and the verses are suited to lusty belting by guests who are three sheets to the wassail.

Which, BTW, is the beverage I recommend. No one really knows what it is, so you can pass off alcoholic and nonalcoholic versions and no one will dare argue which is correct.

And here's the best part: When it's done and your guests file out, this is the exchange you'll have even if one tries to question you at the door:

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price.

Starting this week, the company is offering that price when customers buy the 16-gigabyte model and sign up for two-year contracts from AT&T, Verizon Wireless or Sprint, according to a statement.

Less than 10 percent of Americans have completed their shopping for the holiday, the company said, citing the National Retail Federation.

Wal-Mart also is selling

the iPhone 5S for \$49 with a contract, down from \$79, and Samsung's Galaxy S5 for \$79, compared with \$139. Even before the cuts, the prices were below retail levels.

The fresh wave of discounts reflects the fact that shoppers aren't as focused on one-time shopping events such as Black Friday, the company said.

The long Black Friday weekend was a disappointment for retailers. **BLOOMBERG**



Stores are trying to get shoppers back in the door. / GETTY IMAGES

OMG. The AirBeam wearable gizmo monitors  
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Wearable technology has been geared to monitoring our personal health — and now ventures into the well-being of our environment. The AirBeam tracks in real-time how much pollution is in our neighborhoods (more specifically, the amount of fine particulate matter [PM2.5] in the air) and relays the data online to a publicly-accessible map. The handheld machine, which operates with a AirCasting smartphone app, is sold for \$200 following a successful Kickstarter campaign. Metro spoke with Michael Heimbinder, the gadget's developer and founder of U.S. not-for-profit group HabitatMap,



The AirBeam device / AIRBEAM

to find out more about the device.

**What inspired you to create this device?**

Air pollution is a staggering worldwide problem. Sources estimate that poor air quality costs the United States alone



over \$78 billion annually. The negative impacts of air pollution rank it among the most serious and widespread human health hazards in the world. Breathing dirty air causes chronic illnesses such as asthma and bronchitis and contributes

to terminal illnesses such as cancer and heart disease.

**Many people don't actually see it as gravely dangerous.**

Indeed. Despite the very real impact air pollution has on our everyday lives, it often goes unnoticed because it is largely invisible. In addition, since government-run air-quality-monitoring networks are sparse, publicly available air-quality-measurements don't translate into an accurate assessment of personal exposure.

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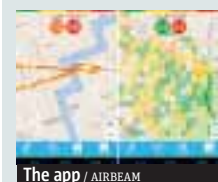
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Like most people, I answer emails after hours and sleep with my phone next to me, but the gym is the one place where I happily unplug. So when Google invited me to a workout class to test its new Android Wear smartwatch, I was curious. Would I have to respond to a work email mid-lunge? Text my friends through voice activation while doing a sprint? Here's what really happened and my verdict on whether buying a smartwatch is worth it.

## How it works

To really make use of all



its functions, you need to sync the smartwatch with your phone. In this case, it meant ditching my iPhone for the Nexus 5, which I wore on an armband during my workout.

The class started with a cardio warm-up. We didn't

actively use the smartwatch for this portion of the class, but it was tracking my activity, such as the number of steps taken and heart rate, which was pretty cool to look at after the class.

To my surprise, the

instructor didn't make us answer any emails or texts during the session. Instead, she showed us how to use the VimoFit app, which acts as your own virtual trainer by creating custom workouts based on your fitness goals. A virtual person shows you how to do each move, which was helpful for a visual learner like me. We used our smartphones for the trainer aspect of the app while the watch kept track of our activity levels to make sure we were reaching our fitness goals.

At the end of the class, the trainer showed us how Android Wear can track your sleep cycle by monitoring how many times you wake up during the night and how much REM sleep you get.



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## Positives

Seeing exactly how hard and much I'm exercising in plain numbers is addictive and made me go out of my way to walk instead of taking the subway just to get my numbers up. You can also sync playlists to your watch and wear Bluetooth headphones. The GPS tracker can be helpful for runners and bikers.

## Negatives

Having to rely on the smartphone for the VimoFit app is cumbersome. There also doesn't seem to be a way to turn off messaging during a workout if you still want to use the fitness aspects of the watch without being reachable.

## Verdict

When it comes to using a smartwatch for fitness, it can be motivating to ensure you're living as healthy a lifestyle as possible. Considering I already take my phone to the gym to stream music, wearing a smartwatch doesn't seem like much of a leap.

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### But seriously

Lately, Chris Rock has been making the rounds, opening up about his thoughts on race in a country led by Barack Obama, about Michael Brown and Ferguson and about the allegations against Bill Cosby, who gets name-checked in "Top Five."

In an interview with New York magazine, Rock told Frank Rich, "White people were crazy. Now they're not as crazy." He added, "To say Obama is progress is saying that he's the first black person that is qualified to be president. That's not black progress. That's white progress. There's been black people qualified to be president for hundreds of years."

It's very different for his kids, who, he tells Rich, are "encountering the nicest white people that America has ever produced. ... I drop my kids off and watch them in the school with all these mostly white kids, and I got to tell you, I drill them every day: 'Did anything happen today? Did anybody say anything?' They look at me like I am crazy."

# Chris Rock: To the next level

**Interview.** The comic says he treated "Top Five," his latest movie, just like his stand-up.

The usually political Chris Rock doesn't talk about Ferguson or race or about politics at all when discussing his latest film, "Top Five." The focus instead is on the movie, which he wrote and directed, and in which he stars as a Rockesque movie star getting close with a sharp-witted journo (Rosario Dawson).

Like a lot of stand-up comics, Rock hasn't had a ton of luck with movies, and even the ones he's directed himself in ("Head of State," "I Think I Love My Wife") haven't fully utilized his considerable gifts. Yet "Top Five" shows a real leap forward and has been getting the kinds of notices that are usually reserved for his stand-up specials. Here's what he had to say about a film that, even for him, feels very much next level.



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Sherri Shepherd joins Chris Rock and Rosario Dawson in "Top Five." / PARAMOUNT PICTURES

### Stand-up guy:

"I made this movie just like my stand-up. I used to have a movie process and a stand-up process, and I'd say, 'These are the jokes for the movie,' then I'd have a whole other file for stand-up. Not this one. I workshopped it. The goal was to get a movie that felt like my stand-up."

### Drama is easy, comedy is really hard:

"There's nothing worse than a bad comedy. Drama, you get credit for completion. I like 'Gone Girl'; you can make nine different versions of 'Gone Girl' that work. But when you're doing a comedy there's kind of one version that works."

### Trying not to be lazy:

"The worst movies tend to have the best people in them, because they aggressively suck. There's lazy movies. Then there's 'Howard the Duck.' I knew I was going to try, but luckily we didn't suck."

### For the love of rap:

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### Quoted

"I treated the editing like it was writing. It was like, 'Let's make music, let's do something different.'"

Chris Rock



CHRIS ROCK  
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### Love is all around

### Chris Rock's cast on Chris Rock

"Top Five" makes room for scores of talent such as fellow comics and legends such as Ben Vereen and actors such as Rosario Dawson and Gabrielle Union. Here's what they said about their director

and his experimental, collaborative methods.

**Gabrielle Union:** "He gave us his script; he gave us his baby. But he wasn't like, 'My baby is perfect, my baby's testing off the charts.' He doesn't assume he has created the next 'Schindler's List.' He's saying, 'I want to get there, please give me real feedback. I didn't assemble a bunch of people

to just kiss my ass and tell me it's amazing. Let's work together and please give me notes so we can create magic.'"

**Sherri Shepherd:** "He did what was in the script, then you kept going and kept going. You thought, 'Is he going to say cut at any point?' He let you go and go and go, and that's when you found that magic."

**Rosario Dawson:** "We'd be doing something really, really serious, and he'd say, 'We need a joke right about here.' He wouldn't say at the beginning or end of a scene. He was like, 'Right here we need something to lighten it up.' That's why I keep calling him a conductor. It was like music — he knew right when [a scene] needed to have something."



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## Stoner mystery. Even for a Thomas Pynchon movie, 'Inherent Vice' is extremely weird

His prose (and endless dialogue) doesn't remotely lend itself to movies, but this Thomas Pynchon novel was adapted anyway, with Paul Thomas Anderson directing Joaquin Phoenix as a druggie P.I. in 1970 LA working on some cases that involve crazy characters played by a seriously all-star cast.

**The lowdown** A lot of movies inspired "Inherent Vice": "The Big Sleep," "The Big Lebowski," Robert Altman's 1970s update of the Philip Marlowe mystery "The Long Goodbye." And yet — like Anderson's "The Master," as well as "Punch-Drunk Love" — there's nothing remotely like it. The film actually plays as close as to the Pynchon novel as it can and work as a watchable film: It offers a highly digressive, absurdist alternate reality that delights in confusing anyone trying to figure it out as pure narrative. (And good luck to anyone trying to solve the cases.) It's just Pynchon filtered through another, almost equally oddball voice.

As with the book, you don't need to know what's going on at any point — or even be able to coherently synthesize the basic plot — to get a



"Inherent Vice" stars Joaquin Phoenix as a not very typical movie P.I. / WILSON WEBB

ton out of it. Every scene is immaculately conceived and played — a series of tete-a-tetes between Doc and the many supporting players. Oddly enough, there's a good thing that comes with not being able to follow the plot: It grants a kind of freedom, allowing you to soak up the vivid atmosphere and dwell on the performances, wordplay and copious visual gags without needing to figure who's doing what and/or to whom.

Every actor is game, starting with Phoenix, who isn't a "The Dude"-

style burner, but a loopy open nerve prone to left-field freak-outs and other nonsensical bits of business. It's a very physical performance, and Phoenix uses all of his body to keep us on edge. He's not our guide into a bizarre world, but a grotesque surrounded by other, different kinds of grotesques. It's less a whodunit than a hang-out movie, where you spend time with fascinatingly abnormal characters, as well as groove on an even more peculiar sense of humor. Even if

### Review

#### 'Inherent Vice'

**Director:** Paul Thomas Anderson

**Stars:** Joaquin Phoenix, Josh Brolin

**Rating:** R



it never coalesces into something with a major "point," it's still special.

**MATT PRIGGE**



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## Review

## 'Top Five'

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In Chris Rock's third turn as director, he also stars as Andre Allen, a movie star trying to break into serious filmmaking and who spends a day with a journo (Rosario Dawson).

**The lowdown** Rock has spent most of his film career following the tired path laid out for comics: broad vehicles, voice work, comedic cameos. "Top Five" is his first film that really feels like a film, while at the same time feels at least spiritually like his stand-up: It's angry

but not incensed, and only mildly political. But it has the go-anywhere shape of an extended routine, hailing from the same inspirational source. He's found his movie voice.

Parts of it are easy, including digs at reality TV and Tyler Perry. Yet the movie is alive and exciting. This is a party film, with Rock as both star and ringleader, constantly surrendering to or sharing the floor with the many, many cameo-ing legends. But even more intoxicating is the way it mixes and matches tones. It's not afraid to get serious and sincere, which is not to say maudlin. **MATT PRIGGE**



Chris Rock's "Top Five" includes scenes of he and Rosario Dawson walking and talking on an unusually nice day in New York City. / ALI PAIGE GOLDSTEIN

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**Is there a fine line between reverence and irreverence when it comes to Christmas?**  
My show is for people who love it and who hate it. I understand that if I wasn't Christian that I would be pissed off looking at a Nativity scene in front of

the State Capitol. And I am against that. But I do go — like a crazy person goes to haunted houses on Halloween — to living creches because they are the scariest things in the world to me. I'm a connoisseur of bad human creches.

**Was Christmas big when you were growing up?**  
Yes, it was a very big deal. Nothing bad ever happened on Christmas — except a Christmas tree did fall on my grandmother. It turns out that happens a lot. I thought we were the only [family at] Christmas where the tree fell on my grandmother.

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### How long did it take to feel comfortable with English?

Well, the time I had. I had seven weeks before we started shooting. Then the fact that we shot chronologically helped me a lot. At the beginning of the show, my English is different, my body is different and then I kept training in both of them for the whole shoot. And then if you look at a frame from the last episode and a frame from the first one, they are two different guys.

**How do you describe your version of Marco Polo?**

My Marco Polo, he is of course curious about things. ... I focused my job

## Reputation

## Going swimming

**As an Italian, do you find Polo's reputation to be different here in the States?**

It's totally different. You have here the swimming pool game. In Italy, we know him as a big guy, but not so big. In China, he's a hero, a big hero. So it's beautiful to see how the different cultures have accepted this.

on the fact that he never judged. He watched these things that were totally different, and maybe evil things, and gross things, and he always finds a way to understand the reasons behind them. He's an open-minded guy and a fearless guy. **LISA WEIDENFELD**



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# Nick Jonas is his own man



Jonas performs with the Jingle Ball 2014 tour tonight at Madison Square Garden with Taylor Swift and others. / GETTY IMAGES

**Interview.** The singer left behind his purity ring roots to go solo.

The days of Disney Channel fame and saccharine collaborations with Hannah Montana are long gone for Nick Jonas. The 22-year-old singer has turned himself into an unabashed sex symbol.

Since the Jonas Brothers — Kevin, 27, Joe, 25, and Nick — parted ways back in 2013, "JBro" junior has been busy resculpting his image as a shirtless hunk in the run-up to the release of his new album.

The "jealous" singer explains why he reinterpreted that infamous Mark Wahlberg photo shoot.

**You've redone Mark Wahlberg's 1992 photo shoot [the famous Calvin Klein underwear ad, with backward baseball cap**

**and a crotch grab]. What motivated you to do that?** I think just for fun and to show another side of myself. I wanted to have a fun time with these photos, enjoy it somehow.

**Is it valid to call you the new Marky Mark?**

The photos themselves were inspired by him and have all his essence, although I don't think I can be called the new Marky Mark. It's a good comparison, but I like to be myself.

**What kind of work did you do for your first solo record in 2004?**

I worked with other artists in terms of

composition and have collaborated with many relevant musicians and producers in the industry to publicize my work. On my first album [with the collaboration of his friend Demi Lovato], I have influences that come from soul. Stevie Wonder is a great inspiration for my sound.

**What would you say about your album to someone who's never heard the Jonas Brothers?**

My music is made so people my age can relate to what is happening to them and make a connection. Just for that, I think they'll like it.

**What do you do when you're not on tour?** When I was able



NICK JONAS  
WIREIMAGE

## Timeline

### Just the facts:

- "Nick Jonas" is the second studio album by the artist. It was released on Nov. 11.
- In 2009 he released the single "Who I Am" with the band Nick Jonas & the Administration.
- His first solo album, "Nicholas Jonas," went on sale in 2004.
- Jonas began his career on Broadway.

to do it, I liked to play golf and enjoy it with my loved ones. I love being with my family, with my girlfriend and my friends. That's what I miss most.

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## Johnny Depp a fan of naked Kate Middleton

Hopefully, Prince William and Kate Middleton's U.S. trip didn't involve a run-in with Johnny Depp. The star forked over more than \$100,000 for a pair of pieces by street artist Pegasus featuring a naked Middleton. One, which gained notoriety when Pegasus spray-painted it on a wall in North London, features the royal wife cradling her pregnant stomach with a crown atop it, the logo for "Game of Thrones" stenciled underneath. Depp commissioned a second nude while at the London gallery show for the artist's work. "I knew Johnny was coming and wanted the two Kate Middleton works," Pegasus' manager, Leonard Villa, tells *In Touch Weekly*. "He was extremely charming and immediately bought the painting and put down an offer for the second one." Depp spent another \$40,000 on a Pegasus portrait of Queen Elizabeth II, though one can only hope she's more clothed than her granddaughter-in-law.

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## Benedict Cumberbatch trying to make nerds' brains explode

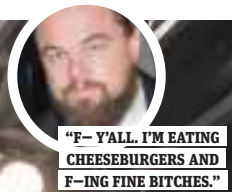
While debating the differences between his beloved "Sherlock" character and "Doctor Who"'s main alien on Chris Hardwicke's *Nerdist* podcast, Benedict Cumberbatch's choice of words is sure to get fan-fiction writers all hot and bothered. "He talks fast and is clever. That is literally the only bracket they share," Cumberbatch says of the two. "They've got

different dress senses, different tastes in the sex of their partners." And there it is. While Cumberbatch innocently meant that Holmes is always aided by a male Dr. Watson (except on the U.S. version, "Elementary"), Doctor Who more commonly keeps a female assistant, though not always. Still, feel free to let your imagination run away with you.

## Keira Knightley IS pregnant

It's been a big week for Keira Knightley. First she earns nominations from both SAG and the Golden Globes for her work alongside Benedict Cumberbatch in "The Imitation Game," and now this: The British actress and her husband, James Righton, are expecting their first child, according to Page Six. "Multiple sources" claim that the "Pride and Prejudice" and "Love Actually" star is more than three months pregnant during awards season — she's been abstaining from alcohol at events and opting for looser-fitting gowns.

Chris Rock has been on something of a tear lately, making some pointed and perfectly worded observations about Hollywood, race issues in America and the like. But it's not all criticism for Rock. There are a few things he has genuine appreciation for, like Leonardo DiCaprio's lifestyle. As Rock tells *Howard Stern* during an interview: "I love the guy. He enjoys himself. If he's not doing a movie, he's 40 pounds more, with a fine motherf—er. With a beard and model. F— y'all. I'm eating cheeseburgers and f—ing fine bitches." That's the real American dream.



"F— Y'ALL. I'M EATING  
CHEESEBURGERS AND  
F—ING FINE BITCHES."

Chris Rock has nothing  
but admiration for  
Leonardo DiCaprio

### Daily video

## A 'Star Trek: The Next Generation' Christmas carol

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## Horoscope

♐ **Sagittarius | Nov. 22-Dec. 21.** You will discover a new way to solve an old problem. Love and adventure are highlighted.

♑ **Capricorn | Dec. 22-Jan. 20.** It's likely that you will be confused about recent emotional happenings. Working on an enjoyable project will keep you from facing discord.

♒ **Aquarius | Jan. 21-Feb. 18.** Surprise everyone around you by making personal changes or adopting an interesting new way of doing things. Love is highlighted.

♓ **Pisces | Feb. 19-March 20.** Being vigilant while traveling will spare you setbacks. Stick to the rules. Don't trust others to do things for you.

♈ **Aries | March 21-April 20.** Love is in the air. Plan a romantic getaway or engage in social events geared toward meeting someone new. Travel will play a large part in your success.

♉ **Taurus | April 21-May 21.** You will have concerns with an older or younger person in your life. Finances may be stretched if you have taken on responsibilities or overspent on luxury items.

♊ **Gemini | May 22-June 20.** Don't take anyone for granted. Spend time reinforcing relationships to ensure that everyone is heading in the same direction.

♋ **Cancer | June 21-July 22.** If you are currently dissatisfied with your professional life, check out vocations. Discuss your thoughts with an expert.

♌ **Leo | July 23-Aug. 22.** Take some time to let a loved one know how much you appreciate him or her. If you are currently unattached, get out there and mingle.

♍ **Virgo | Aug. 23-Sept. 22.** Delays will test your patience. Keeping your emotions in check will help you adapt to the circumstances and ride out any problems.

♎ **Libra | Sept. 23-Oct. 22.** Adventure is calling you. Group activities and social events will let others see your exuberant and cheerful side. Love will blossom.

♏ **Scorpio | Oct. 23-Nov. 21.** Scan help-wanted pages and online job postings, and arrange interviews. Update your resume to better represent what you have to offer. **EUGENIA LAST**

## Sudoku: Easy and hard

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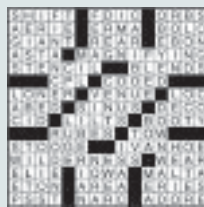
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- 22 Not prohibited
- 24 Leisurely study
- 28 Chatty feline
- 30 Strains
- 31 Welsh dog
- 32 Garage jobs
- 33 Took part in a strike
- 36 Baseball stat
- 37 Tugs hard
- 38 Cratchit kid
- 40 Bucket passers
- 43 Of tender years
- 45 Winter woes
- 46 Cosmetic buy
- 47 Nonsense
- 50 Funny mistakes
- 51 Drinks for all
- 52 Icy precip
- 53 Get wrong
- 54 Customer, after the sale
- 57 Specks
- 62 Summer in Paris

## Down

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- 64 Gullible
- 65 June honoree
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- 67 Say hi
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- 2 A Gershwin
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- 5 Quits
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- 7 Neutral colors
- 8 Many many years
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- 10 Loot
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- 13 Fashion's — Simpson
- 21 Stockholm carrier
- 23 Radiate
- 24 Volcano goddess
- 25 Bedroom community
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## Yesterday's answer



## Letters

## Good cops possible

Every police situation is different and must be handled and subsequently examined individually. Having said that, the assertions by some, in and out of law enforcement, that Eric Garner is somehow culpable in his death would be laughable if not so blatantly disrespectful, both to his family and the NYPD itself. Professional, well-meaning police officers routinely apprehend armed suspects across this country every day without incident. This includes suspects of murder, rape and even hostage-taking.

What cannot be lost during the very real issue of race are the equally real issues of aggressive policing and use of excessive force.

**LARRY D FOWLER, VIA EMAIL**

## Kardashian may be right

**Re: 'Kim Kardashian considers weight gain God's punishment' (Metro, Dec. 11)** I think Kim Kardashian looks smashing. Who says you have to be thin to look good? Well, lots of people, actually, but I don't agree. Second, God has a personal relationship with everybody, whether they know it or not. Think of Tevye in "Fiddler on the Roof." He did a lot of complaining, and as long as he didn't cross the line into out-and-out impiety God listened patiently. I talk to God like that. I make no claims that He answers.

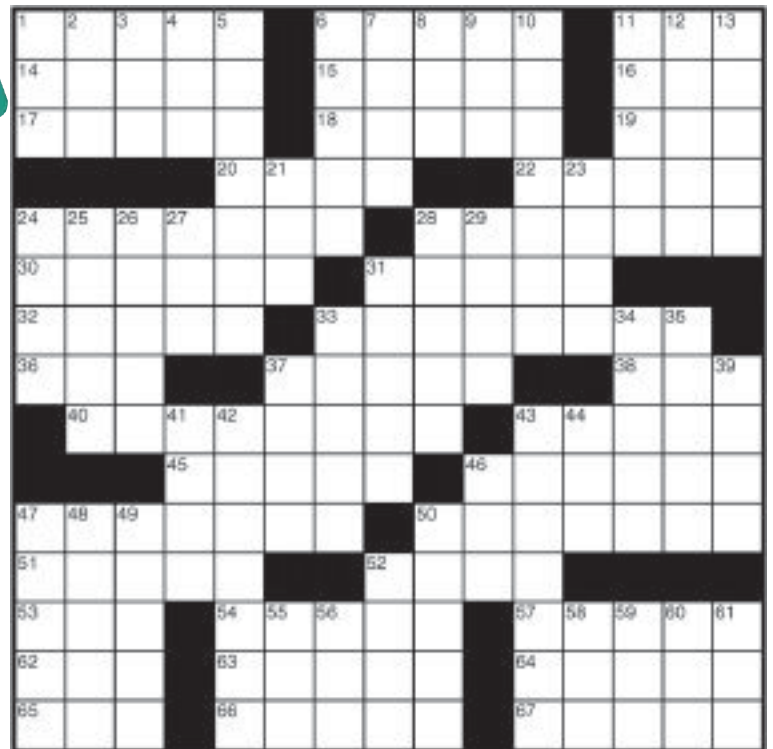
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# Storylines to keep tabs on as G-Men face 'Skins

**NFL.** The Giants host division rival Washington this Sunday, seeking their second straight victory.

The Giants are all but eliminated from the playoffs, but that doesn't mean they don't have anything left to achieve in 2014. While they won't catch either the NFC East-leading Philadelphia Eagles or the second-place Dallas Cowboys in the standings, the Giants (4-9) would certainly like to stay ahead of the struggling Washington Redskins (3-10) and keep them in the division's cellar.

Washington is in disarray – particularly on offense – as its once-vaunted rushing attack has struggled, and the passing game has endured three different starting quarterbacks, with none of the trio giving the fan base reason for hope. Head coach Jay Gruden called it a “merry-go-round” and has been stressing over who to start this week.

Whomever gets under center will have to deal with a Giants defense that has racked up a combined 15 sacks in the last two games, meaning Gruden's situation could be a full-on roller coaster Sunday (1 p.m., FOX).

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## Attack weaknesses

The Giants will need to gameplan for two quarterbacks with opposite skill sets. As of Thursday's practice session, Gruden was unable to decide between Colt McCoy, who is the coach's preferred starter but who is dealing with a neck injury, or the maligned Robert Griffin III, who Gruden can't seemingly wait to get rid of this offseason. Either way, Giants head coach Tom Coughlin said Big Blue will prepare for both, as

they are “all very good quarterbacks ... with outstanding quarterback ratings.” Regardless of Coughlin's diplomacy, the Giants would be better served lining up against McCoy, as despite his dismal season, Griffin presents more problems. The Giants have had their share of whiffs trying to corral mobile quarterbacks with big arms, so to face someone like the ailing McCoy, who is mobile to a degree but lacks the true athleticism of Griffin, would better serve their defense.



COLT MCCOY  
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## Young blood

Devon Kennard isn't the only rookie striking fear into opponents lately. Wideout Odell Beckham Jr. has been on an equal tear of late and should really test the sometimes-suspect Washington secondary.

Despite missing the first month of the season with a hamstring injury, he has taken the league by storm and has decimated most opponents, registering six-straight games with at least 90 yards. It hasn't mattered whether he's been singled, doubled, or bracketed in coverage, Beckham has run around and past the opponents. Should Washington make the same mistake as the Tennessee Titans did last



Odell Beckham Jr. is on a tear. / GETTY IMAGES

week and mainly use one defensive back to cover him, Beckham could likely surpass his production when he nearly had 100 receiving yards in the first quarter alone.

## Sack masters

Should Griffin start, the Giants at least are better equipped to contain him, as Devon Kennard is on a roll lately. The rookie, fresh off an NFC Defensive Player of the Week award, has recorded two sack games in consecutive contests. So good has Kennard been that since the NFL instituted Player of the Week awards in 1984, no Giants rookie linebacker had received the honor, including future Pro Bowlers Carl Banks and Jessie Armstead. Kennard would be the perfect “spy” linebacker on Griffin and would wreak havoc on a Washington offensive line that has shown holes in protection.

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## Jets, Titans both seeking win No. 3

A battle of two teams, both stuck on 2-11, and with just one win between them since November should have major implications for 2015.

One more win by the Jets or Titans might just knock one of them out from a top five pick in next spring's NFL draft. On the flip side, if the Jets don't grab a victory Sunday (4:05 p.m., CBS) against a lowly Titans team still firmly in rebuilding mode it could well be the death knell for New York head coach Rex Ryan.

It's a game New York should win, considering how poorly the Titans have been able to move the ball, in particular on the ground. They're 27th in the league in rushing, averaging just 86.2 yards per game, and in recent weeks, they've seen former Jets running back Shonn Greene go from “solid” to “non-existent.” This means that Tennessee will have to beat the Jets through the air, perhaps a good match for the Titans given the rough play of Ryan's secondary this season.

KRISTIAN DYER

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## Rangers take to the road

The Rangers (12-10-4) will be in Vancouver to take on the Canucks Saturday (10 p.m., MSG) as they kick off a four-game road trip. The Rangers are 1-2 so far in the month of December, though their 4-3 overtime victory this past Monday over the division-leading Penguins was encouraging.



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